IN 2 MONTHS ... TIME RUNS OUT!

SECRET WARS

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HICKMAN
DEODATO
MARTIN

MARVEL

PREVIOUSLY IN NEW AVENGERS

I GO TO SMITE AT THE VERY HEART OF WHAT CAUSED... ALL THIS.

THE AUGER IS GOING TO THROW ALL OF YOU TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MULTIVERSE.

THOR. YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?

"THERE'S NO COMING BACK."

ALL THE PIECES ARE COMING TOGETHER. ALL THE THINGS WE'VE BUILT WILL SOON BE CRUMBLING DOWN...

"...BECAUSE THEY'RE OUT THERE...WAITING. THE IVORY KINGS. THE BEYONDERS. HOW CAN WE DEFEAT THEM? WE COGS IN THEIR WELL-OILED APOCALYPSE MACHINE?

"FOR IT TAKES A GOD TO KILL A GOD."

ONCE, I WAS WORTHY. NOW IT IS NO LONGER.

WHOSOEVER HOLDS THIS HAMMER, IF HE BE UNWORTHY, SHALL POSSESS THE POWER OF THORR

BUT IF I AM TO DIE, LET IT BE WITH THE LIGHTNING AND THUNDER...

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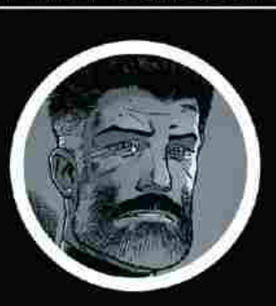
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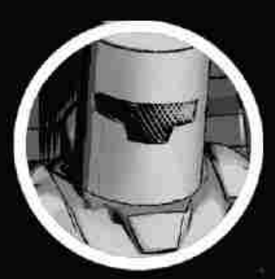
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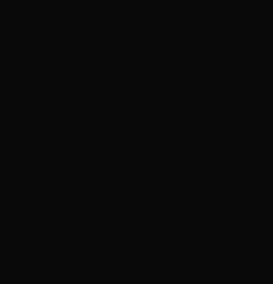
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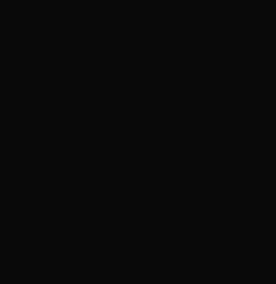
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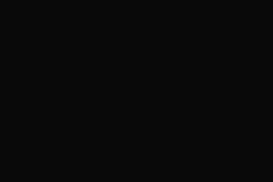
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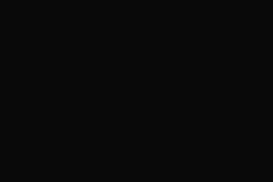
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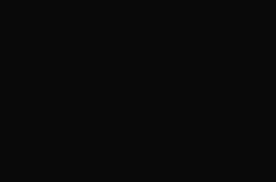
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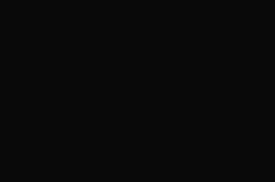
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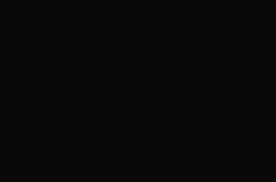
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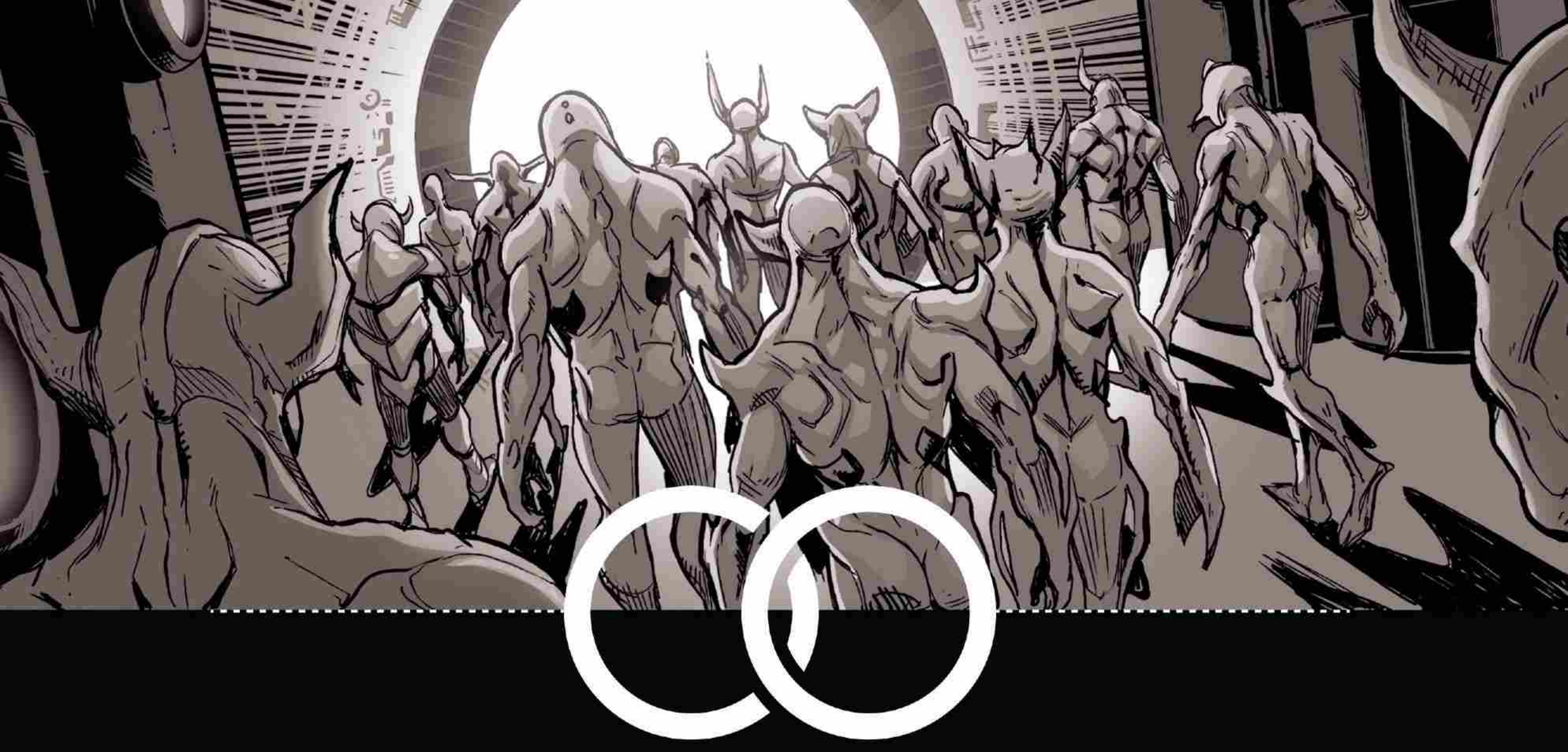

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THE REMAINS OF EARTH-1120006.
A SHATTERED MAPMAKER WORLD.

WE DON'T HAVE LONG HERE.

STARS ARE COLLAPSING, SUNS ARE DYING...

WE'RE NEARING THE LAST GASP OF THIS UNIVERSE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO INCREASE THE RATE OF DECAY--I'M SURE SOME ACCELERATION WAS INEVITABLE--BUT WHATEVER REASON IS BEHIND THE WHY...

...IT'S DISRUPTING THE MAPPING SYSTEM THE IVORY KINGS CREATED. THIS IS, WHAT, THE *TENTH* NONFUNCTIONAL MAPMAKER WE'VE FOUND?

YES, NIGHTMASK, BUT WHAT GOOD IS--

A MAP?

DELVE DEEP, ABYSS--YOU TELL US.

AHHHHHH...NO WONDER WE COULDN'T FIND THEM. THEY'RE NOT HERE IN THE SAME SENSE WE ARE...

LIKE MUSIC PLAYING AT A FREQUENCY JUST BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO HEAR.

LET ME SHOW YOU...

SHLK

THIS IS WHERE WE ARE...

AND, NOW, *THAT'S* WHERE WE'RE GOING.

IT SEEMS THERE IS A WAY OUT OF THE WOODS, BROTHER. THEY'VE FOUND IT.

YES.

BUT CAN THE TWO OF YOU GET US THERE?

I CAN FIND THE WAY... I CAN POINT US THERE, BUT...

YES. I CAN DO IT.

ADAM...

WE HAVE TO GET THERE-- NOW--FOR IT TO MATTER. SO THERE ISN'T ANY CHOICE, REALLY...

EVEN IF THERE WAS, I WOULDN'T CHANGE MY MIND.

HOW MANY YEARS? HOW MUCH WILL IT COST THIS TIME?

MANY. STILL, IT HAS TO BE DONE.

I'M READY IF YOU ARE.

VERY WELL...

DO IT.

NRRGGGGGHHH!

EX NIHILO BUILT ADAM TO BE THE PERFECT HUMAN...

A FABRICATED PRODUCT OF A LIFE-CREATING SYSTEM.

EVEN BETTER THAN THE REAL THING.

THE LAST WHITE EVENT CHANGED ADAM INTO SOMETHING MORE--A NIGHTMASK CAPABLE OF NAVIGATING THE DREAMSPACE OF HUMAN POTENTIAL.

BUT THE COST OF THIS POWER IS TEMPORAL REGRESSION--A GRADUAL RETURN TO HIS PREFABRICATED, PRIMORDIAL STATE.

THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE A FLAW--SOME ACCIDENTAL GLITCH IN ONE OF THE UNIVERSAL SYSTEMS THAT MADE HIM WHAT HE IS.

BUT THAT'S A SIMPLE, MICROSCOPIC WAY OF LOOKING AT A MUCH BROADER DILEMMA.

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

HERE AT THE END TIMES, THEY'RE ***ALL*** BROKEN SYSTEMS.

HE'S GONE!

AND WE ARE LOST IN A SEA OF DARKNESS. WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

NOT TOTAL DARKNESS, ODINSON. THERE...A SLIVER OF LIGHT. I CAN BARELY SEE IT, BUT--

FWASSHHH!

We are Beyond.

Dreamers. Destroyers. All of reality our whim.

Who dares stand before us?

GODS, LEGENDS... THE VERY BEST OF HEROES. YOU FACE *AVENGERS* THIS DAY...

WHO DARES STAND BEFORE *US?*

Two.

Two will stand.

INTERLOPERS...

YOU ARE SENTIENT AND THEREFORE CAPABLE OF COMPREHENSION. SO KNOW THIS...

THIS IS NOT YOUR PLACE. YOU ARE NOT WELCOME HERE.

FOR WE ARE ***BEYOND***. BEYOND UNDERSTANDING. BEYOND ACQUIESCENCE. BEYOND JUSTICE.

WE ARE BEYOND YOU.

THERE IS A GRAND EXPERIMENT UNDERWAY, AND YOUR ENCROACHING IS AN IRRITANT.

RUN... WHILE YOU STILL CAN.

WHOSOEVER HOLDS THIS HAMMER IF HE BE **UNWORTHY**, SHALL POSSESS THE POWER OF THOR

OUR WORLD--ALL WORLDS--ARE DYING...

I DO NOT RUN, BUT EVEN IF I DID, THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE TO RUN TO.

YOU NEED TO STOP THIS... EXPERIMENT, AS IT HAS HAD UNFORESEEN, AND TERRIBLE, CONSEQUENCES.

UNFORESEEN? THERE ARE NO ACCIDENTS...

WE ARE THE VERY CAUSE OF IT.

THEN STOP.

NOW.

AND HOW COULD WE DO THAT?

THE EXPERIMENT ISN'T FINISHED YET.

YES... IT IS!

THOOOOM!

SUCH IMPATIENCE...

CAN YOU NOT REALIZE THE QUICKEST WAY FOR THIS TO END IS FOR US TO COMPLETE WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO?

EXTINCTION IS INEVITABLE. THE SOONER IT OCCURS--

--THE SOONER THIS WILL ALL BE OVER.

DON'T HESITATE!

WE'RE ONLY GOING TO GET ONE CHANCE AT THIS-- THROW EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AT THEM.

EX NIHILO! I CAN SEE WHAT THEY ARE!

THE FORMS THEY TAKE ARE MANIFESTATIONS-- SOLID STATES CONTAINING THEIR VERY ESSENCE.

I UNDERSTAND, SISTER.

EX NIHILII...

"THEY CAN CHANGE...

"TAKE NEW FORMS...

"BECOME SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

"WE CAN HELP THIS ONE..."

WHAT ARE YOU ATTEMPTING TO--

HRNNNN.

"HELP IT BECOME SOMETHING BETTER..."

THE EX NIHILII HAVE FULLY VISUALIZED THE BEYONDER'S CURRENT FORM.

SOLID. AND THEREFORE ITS MOST MALLEABLE STATE.

HELP ME, SISTER.

HELP ME RESHAPE IT...

...AS WE HAVE RESHAPED WORLDS.

WHAT IN THE...

IT COST EVERYTHING, THIS ONE LAST ACT OF CREATION.

YES. BUT LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE MADE...

IMAGING THAT... ONE LAST GARDEN-- A PERFECT LIVING THING, IN SUCH A COLD AND UNFORGIVING PLACE.

"IT'S A GOOD ENOUGH END."

THEY'RE GONE...

AND THEY LEFT A FREAKING TREE. SUPER.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

WE'RE CONDUCTING AN EXPERIMENT OF OUR OWN, YOU HEARTLESS DEVIL...

AND OURS IS HALFWAY DONE!

HRRRPHH!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF...THE *SIGNIFICANCE* OF US?

SHKRIPP!

AARRGHHHHHH!

THE COST OF OUR LIFE COMPARED TO YOUR OWN?

HYPERION! IS THOR OKAY?

IS HE--

STARBRAND! LOOK OUT!

WHU--

HURK!

YOU... YOU'VE...

STABBED ME THROUGH...

OH, GOD... YOU'VE KILLED ME.

DAMN THING IS FASTER THAN I THOUGHT.

YEAH, WELL...FAST IS ONE THING...

FAST AS LIGHT, ANOTHER...

LOOK HERE, MONSTER.

I AM THE SUN.

FOOLISH CREATURE.

I CREATE STARS...

UHHHHH...

I DESTROY THEM...

WHAT MAKES YOU ANY DIFFERENT?

AARRGGGGGHH!

RAAARRR!

HUUHHH...

YOU WANT TO KILL HIM... KILL US ALL? KILL EVERYTHING? THEN I WILL GO FIRST... BUT I WILL NOT GO QUIETLY.

FASCINATING. YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T WIN...

YET YOU HOLD TIGHT TO THIS IDEA OF RESISTANCE.

CAN'T... CONTAIN...

HOW POINTLESS.

CLARNNGGG!

ARRGGHHHHHHH!

HOW HOPELESS.

I NEVER WANTED THIS...

I JUST WANTED TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE. POWERLESS AND SMALL.

AND NOW YOU'VE KILLED ME UNIVERSES AWAY FROM MY HOME. I NEVER LEARNED TO LIVE WITH WHAT I BECAME...

AND HERE AT THE END, I CAN'T EVEN CONTAIN IT.

"WHAT A CROCK OF--"

HE DID IT.

WE WON.

I THINK... I THINK WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET.

THE FISSURE.

THEIR EXPERIMENT CONTINUES...

WE'LL FIND A WAY TO CLOSE THE DOOR--REPAIR THE DAMAGE.

HEALING BEGINS WITH CLOSING THE WOUND, NO?

IT'S A DEEP CUT, HYPERION...THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME...

BUT DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THAT MONSTER'S FACE WHEN HE REALIZED THAT--

OH, NO... THOR!

"LOOK...

"MORE OF THEM...

"MUCH MORE."

WE'RE GOING TO DIE HERE TODAY.

AYE...

BUT LET IT BE ON OUR TERMS.

ONE MORE TIME. OUR VERY...

HUURGGGG!

...BEST.

WHOEVER HOLDS THIS HAMMER SHALL POSSESS THE POWER OF THOR

HA! HA! HA! HA!

SO BE IT.

IF THIS IS THE END, LET ME NOT MEET IT AS *THE UNWORTHY*... BUT AS MY FATHER'S SON.

THE OCCASION DEMANDS I OFFER YOU A DRINK, HYPERION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE NONE.

THAT'S BECAUSE WE DRANK IT ALL, BROTHER.

YES. WE DID.

NOTHING LEFT TO DO NOW BUT THE OTHER THING.

I JUST WANT TO SAY...

FOR SOME TIME I BELIEVED I SURVIVED THE DEATH OF TWO WORLDS-- NOW I KNOW IT JUST TOOK A WHILE TO CATCH UP WITH ME.

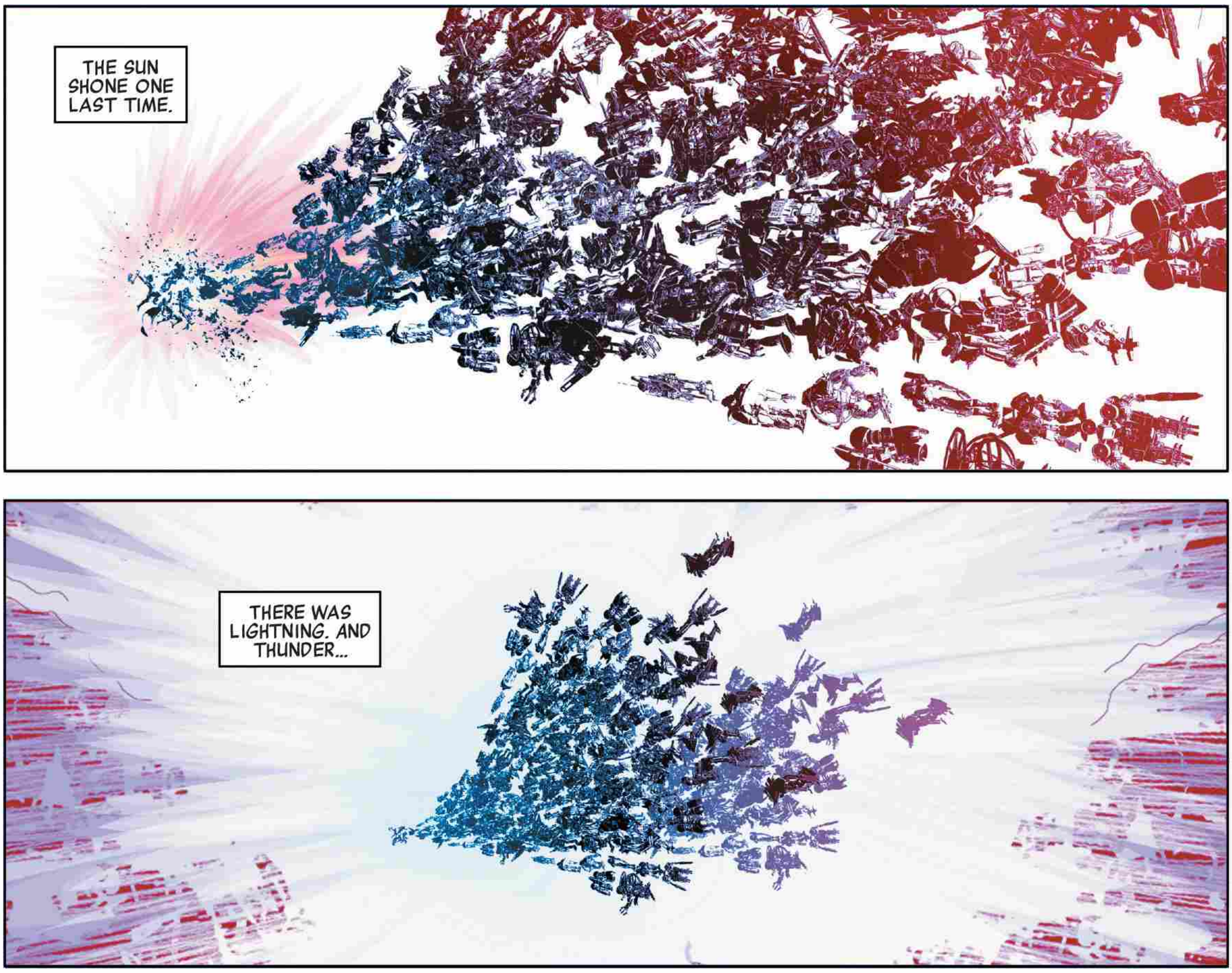
IT'S A DARK THING, WHAT MY LIFE BECAME... YOU HAVE MADE IT ***BETTER,*** ODINSON.

WILL YOU WAIT FOR ME IN VALHALLA?

BROTHER...

THIS DAY, I WILL ***RACE*** YOU THERE.

AGAINST THE BLEAK NOTHING OF DEAD SPACE, TWO GODS FELL TO MANY.


THE SUN SHONE ONE LAST TIME.
THERE WAS LIGHTNING. AND THUNDER...
AND THEN SILENCE.
NEW AVENGERS

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